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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF
RAM A. PRASAD, D.V.M.
CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action
CONSENT ORDER

This matter coming before the State Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners it is hereby stipulated and agreed as follows:

- 1. Ram A. Prasad, D.V.M., with address at Edgewood Veterinary Hospital, 2083 U.S. Highway #9, Howell, New Jersey is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of New Jersey.
- 2. On March 5, 1985 a large number of outdated drugs were present in the active stock of medication in respondent's animal hospital.
- 3. The conduct of Respondent in permitting outdated drugs to remain in the active pharmacy of his hospital constitutes professional misconduct within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).
- 4. On March 5, 1985 certain areas of Respondent's animal hospital were not maintained in a sanitary condition. Specifically,

there was an accumulation of solid waste located around the perimeter of the building; there was a waste line extending from the sink in the examining room to the surface of the ground located on the left side of the building; there was no hot and cold running water at the sink in the examining room area; there was no cove molding located in the kennel area; medications and other veterinary supplies were found stored on the floor in the storage room; the floors were dirty; the outside exit door in the kennel area was in poor repair; and there were holes located in the ceiling and floors in several spots, particularly in the laboratory.

- 5. The conduct of Respondent in failing to maintain certain areas of his animal hospital in a sanitary manner constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:16-8.2 and constitutes professional misconduct within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).
- 6. Respondent neither admits nor denies that on or about October 20, 1984 he, while performing surgery on a dog, left the operating room and, while still wearing surgical gloves, answered the telephone and that after finishing his conversation, he proceeded back to the operating room and without changing his gloves finished the surgery. Respondent agrees that it is unacceptable veterinary practice to break the sterile field during surgery and to leave a patient unattended.

ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent shall within 14 days of the effective date of this agreement pay to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners a civil penalty of \$500 plus costs in the amount of \$668.34.

David Eisenberg, D.V.M.

President

State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

I hereby consent as to the form and entry of this Order:

Ram A. Prasad, D.V.M.

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